

We Speak Wisdom Among them that are Perfect

1 Cor 2:6-9

Wisdom of world: Satanic in origin...naturalistic in method, and humanistic in content

Wisdom of God: Divine in origin, supernatural in method, Christ-centered in content

1 Corinthians 2:6

Perfect: complete; of full age, mature; complete

Mac: Those who are redeemed and completely trusting in Jesus Christ....True believers are the only ones among whom the gospel can be wisdom. To all others it is a stumbling block or foolishness (1:23).

Philippians 3:14-15

Piper: ...the prerequisite for grasping the wisdom of God is not a certain level of intelligence, or education, or experience. The prerequisite is moral, not intellectual. It has as much to do with what you love as with what you think. Not education but sanctification is what makes one receptive to the wisdom we speak. Not natural ability but spiritual humility opens a person to the wisdom of God.

3 Tenses of salvation: Are you perfect?

Yes indeed I am,

Sometimes,

Not yet.

yet not the wisdom of this world, The perspective of this world. This system of thinking...the world.

World: age, time period.

Grom: ... *thinking within boundaries...genuine wisdom transcends the ages of time and is eternal.*

princes: rulers and leading men. (1:20)

Powers of darkness and demonic rulers Rom 8:38; Col 2:15; Eph 6:12ff

that come to nought: brought to nothing. Doomed to pass away

Given time, becomes useless and full of error.

Empty, futile.

1 Corinthians 2:7

We speak something that is secret... sounds weird, strange, and puzzling to world.

Mystery: secret, something kept silent...

Shutting the mouth

God purposely and intentionally keeps His wisdom from unsaved

Ephesians 1:8-9 ... *mystery of his will*

Ephesians 3:4 ... *mystery of Christ*

Ephesians 6:19 ... *mystery of the gospel*

Colossians 4:3 ... *mystery of Christ*

Romans 16:25 ... *according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,*

1 Timothy 3:16 *mystery of godliness*

Even the hidden wisdom: not clearly seen or understood

Matthew 11:25 Hebrews 13:10-13

Ordained: devised, decreed.

Wiersbe: *The great plan of redemption was not a hasty afterthought on the part of God after He saw what man had done. Though all of this boggles our minds, we must accept the Bible truth of divine election and predestination. Even the death of Jesus Christ was ordained of God, though men were held responsible for the wicked deed (Acts 2:22-23; 1 Pet 1:18-20)*

Unto our glory

Jn 3:30 Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14

We will share in glory of God John 17:22

Not talking about essential glory (Deity).

Talking about acquired glory...the glory of the cross.. Romans 8:30

1 Corinthians 2:8

Political and religious leaders not realize Jesus the Son of God...Messiah.

Acts 3:11-17

Jesus on cross: ...*they know not what they do.* Lk 23:34

Paul's testimony: **1 Timothy 1:12-13** ...*because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.*

End of human wisdom!

the Lord of glory. Deity!

Acts 7:2 Ephesians 1:17 Psalm 24:9

1 Corinthians 2:9

Isa 64:4 & 65:17

Paul's point: man not understand God's wisdom by natural means.

Can't understand God's point of view through natural eyes, ears or heart.

His God's wisdom **prepared only for those who love Him.**

Basic approaches to knowledge: Empiricism and Rationalism

Eye hath not seen: **Empiricism:** Only knowledge valid that obtained through sensory experience ...

Nor ear heard: **Rationalism:** Can't trust what see, hear, feel, taste.

Only accurate picture of knowledge--through reason.

Bottom line of society--real knowledge based on empirical and rational data

Man has no ability, externally or internally, objectively or subjectively, to discover God.

Piper: *The wisdom of God would have never been discovered by man on his own.*

2:10 *But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit...*

Solution: The Holy Spirit

At moment of salvation, Holy Spirit comes to dwell within person.

Takes spiritual blindfold off eyes

Puts faith in heart

Gives desire to know God through Lord Jesus Christ

Convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment

Characteristics of wisdom

1. Only understood by perfect ...v6
2. Mystery...hidden from world... v7
3. Planned out before the world
4. Results in glorification of the Christian
5. Can't be obtained by human effort v.9
6. Given to us supernaturally by Holy Spirit.

So what?

Commit to love God....

9...*for them that love him.*

Commit to walk in Spirit.

10 *But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit*